(c) whether he was threatened that they would make a report that he had stolen some things belonging to the Government;

(d) whether he was told that he would be thereafter watched by them in the guise of beggars and sanyasis; and

(e) whether the Government propose to take any action to prevent such incidents in the future, and if not, why not?

A.—The answer to questions (*a*), (*b*), (*c*) and (*d*) is in the negative.

(*e*) The Government do not see that any action is called for.

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—"May I know, if it is not the C.I.D., whether the Government instructed the ordinary police at least to shadow this gentleman?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"No, Sir."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—"May I know whether the Government ordered the ordinary police to shadow political workers either in Madura or other districts?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"No, Sir."

Mr. A. KALESWARA RAO :—"May I ask whether the Government are aware that police shadowing is going on briskly even against hon. Members of this House when they are in Madras?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"No, Sir."

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN :—"May I know whether there is no system of shadowing at all?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I am not aware of it".

Mr. G. HARISARVOTTAMA RAO :—"May I know if the hon. Home Member is sure that he is free from such shadowing?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"I have no information." (Laughter)

The hon. the PRESIDENT :—"If any hon. Members of this Council do feel or have got substantial facts in their hands to show that they are being shadowed while they come to Madras, it would be a matter affecting the privileges of the Members of the House, and they may bring it to the notice of the House at a suitable occasion after having talked on the subject with the President."

Mr. P. ANJANEYULU :—"May I know whether the Government will be pleased to make enquiries whether in districts political workers are being shadowed and see that such a thing does not happen?"

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—"If any substantial facts are brought to my notice I will make enquiries."

Revision of the rules governing subscriptions for Police sports.

* 1580 *Q.*—Mr. K. V. R. SWAMI : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state whether the rules governing the collection and expenditure of subscriptions from the public in aid of the District Police sports have been revised?

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A.—The Government have decided to revise the rules but the revision is not yet complete.

Mr. K. V. R. Swami :—" How long under the consideration of the Government ? "

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir Muhammad Usman Sahib Bahadur :—" The Government have in a way decided not to collect subscriptions for Police sports from the public. They have also decided to increase the budget allotment for it. In order that the public may have an opportunity of witnessing these sports, they have decided that gate money may be collected under the supervision of a committee consisting of the District Collector, the Superintendent of Police and two non-official members nominated by the Collector."

Press and Publications

Publication of insolvent notices in the Fort St. George Gazette.

* 1581 *Q.*—Mr. A. Parasurama Rao : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(*a*) the amount collected during the last six months by the Government Press towards the charges of publication of insolvent notices in the *Fort St. George Gazette* ;

(*b*) how many pages of printed matter were used for the purpose during the period ;

(*c*) what is the amount charged for each of such publications ;

(*d*) what is the real cost of the publication ;

(*e*) what is the principle or the criterion on which the charges are estimated ;

(*f*) whether the Government expect to make any profit from such publications or whether it is the object of the Government to collect only the bare charges ; and

(*g*) whether the Government make any difference in the rate of charges for publication between insolvents and others ?

A.—(*a*) A sum of Rs. 7,910–6–0 was charged for the six months ending December 1928 ; when the cost could not be recovered from the insolvents' estates, it was remitted (the sum so remitted during the above period was Rs. 11–7–0).

(*b*) 234 pages.

(*c*) For notices published by courts under sections 30 and 37 (2) of the Provincial Insolvency Act the rate charged is the estimated actual cost (one anna per line) ; for notices published by courts under section 64 of the Act the rate charged is the estimated actual cost plus 25 per cent (one anna and three pies per line) ; and for notices published by courts under other sections of the Act, viz., 19 (2), 38 (1) and 41 (1) the rate charged is six annas per line. For notices published by private parties, the rate charged is six annas per line.

(*d*) The estimated actual printing cost inclusive of the cost of paper for the six months ending December 1928 was Rs. 1,439–9–0.